

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI. BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a): During the year 1990-91 the maximum demand of the plant was 38.4 MVA. The total power supply to Zinc Smelter in Debari is met by Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The contract demand with Rajasthan State Electricity Board is 40 MVA.

(b) Yes, Sir. Three D.G. sets of total generating capacity of 15.36 MW have been installed at Zinc Smelter, Debari. These cater to the need during power cuts and power failures. Total captive generation during 1990-91 had been 46,07,117 units.

[English]

Transfer of Postal Divisions in Bihar

6814. SHRI. RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations for the transfer of Aurangabad, Gaya and Rohtas Postal Divisions from the Ranchi Postal Circle to the Patna Postal Circle;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) A representation for such transfer of jurisdiction has been received only in respect of Gaya Postal Division.

(b) The matter is under examination.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Self-Sufficiency in Production of Pulses

6815. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of pulses are being imported annually; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for attaining self-sufficiency in production of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps are being taken for achieving self-sufficiency in pulses:

- i) The National Pulses Development Programme schemes for improved seeds, demonstrations, plant protection measures, farm implements, dal processors bio-fertilisers and training programmes covering 26 States and Union Territories;
- ii) Plant Protection umbrella for gram and arhar against pod borer, cut-worm and termite in 11 States.
- iii) Scheme for expansion of area under summer moong/urad in 11 States;
- iv) A composite approach to pulses development covering crop production, technology, farmers' services/ inputs, post-harvest technology and price-support/ market intervention. This approach has been taken up by the Technology Mission on Oil seeds and Pulses.